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New Editor

Getting hooked

It was my second week of belonging to the Hamilton Scrabble Club, and I was delighted with myself at finding UNUSUAL on my rack. (Like most newbies, I used to think that finding a seven-letter word was about as likely as coming across one of the seven wonders of the ancient world!)

But where to play it? There was an open space below a vertical BAP. It was a book game, so I hopefully looked up BAP to see if it took an S, even though it wasn't in the right place to make my hook. (Funny how we do that.)

Lo and behold, I discovered the word BAPU, and the perfect hook for my word! That was a good start.

The following week, in a dictionary game, I had a promising-looking MARAVED* on my rack, so I looked it up. It's not a word . . . BUT . . . I discovered the word MARAVEDI. And there was an I on the board screaming out to be hooked onto.

Talk about being hooked – that was the defining moment when I became hooked on Scrabble.

I've learned never to stop hoping that a word might have an unexpected hook. When you discover hooks like K on NAB (NABK) and M on ZEE (MZEE), you realise that anything's possible.

I've also learned to look up anything and everything in the word list – you never know what you might discover.

I spend a lot of time discovering, but, unfortunately for my ranking, not enough time committing my discoveries to memory! But it doesn't matter. Playing the game is pleasure and satisfaction enough; moving up the rankings is incidental.

The words themselves are not the only

reason I'm hooked on Scrabble. I'm hooked on my Scrabble "family". I always look forward to playing against my long-time Scrabble opponents – my friends – and to catching up with them at tournaments.

I also love the thought that I can play this game no matter how unfit I am, no matter what my physical disabilities might be, and no matter how old I become. Our older and/or disabled players are a constant inspiration to me, with their enthusiasm for life and Scrabble, sharp minds and huge word knowledge. It's so nice to have an interest that I will never have to give up, that I can stay hooked on forever.

. . . Which is the reason I accepted the job of editing *Forwards*.

Please send me your stories. How did you get hooked? Please share your love and enthusiasm for Scrabble with the rest of us. Closing date for the June issue is 20 May.

Enjoy every night on the tiles!

[NABK is a woody vine and MARAVEDI is an old Spanish coin. I can still remember seeing MZEE (Swahili for old man) for the first time — I was stunned when Pam Mayall hooked the M onto my ZEE!]

* The convention in this magazine is to mark any non-Scrabble or bogus words with an asterisk. – Ed.]



From the Executive

Dear Scrabble friends

Happy New Year – even if it is March.

The Scrabble calendar has begun with tourneys in Pakuranga and Nelson and the resurrected New Plymouth in March. This year also saw the first rated NZ Masters ACC games. This tournament alternates between Dunedin and Wanganui, and you only have to be over 30 to qualify. Kapiti, the newest club on the scene, is hosting a tournament in December. A big year ahead for events is planned, so please support all you can, and enjoy the fun and fellowship of the game.

We welcome Jennifer as our new editor to the magazine that shares snippets of our beloved game. I know you will all co-operate with her, as she embraces the new task ahead.

Our thanks go to Lynne for her time at the job; we appreciate all that you have achieved over the years. With Lynne's son Chris at Varsity, it was fitting for her to take full time employment. Welcome to the work brigade, Lynne, and enjoy your new challenges.

Our treasurer Joan will be out of New Zealand for four months from 1 May on a great trip home to England. If you have financial dealings during this time, the first point of contact will be with Liz. Thanks, Liz, for adding this job to your already busy life and for handling the financial side of the upcoming Nationals, along with your secretarial duties. Multi tasking here reflects the capacity of your abilities.

Congratulations to Gerald and Evelyn on their marriage prior to Christmas. Who said an octogenarian couldn't have fun and be happy at the same time. Well done. Another Warner

to the prize table, no doubt.

Have you got a good idea that you would like to have aired at the Nationals AGM? Put in a remit and let's debate your thoughts. Submissions for remits will close in April, so give it some consideration.

Glennis Hale will join the 1,000 wins club at the Masters this year. This is a very exclusive club, achieved so far by one, Jeff Grant. Well done, Glennis, and roll on 2000 wins. Speaking of 2000, I will be joining that club of games played, achieved only by Fae Olson to date, at the North Shore/ Bays tournament in April. This is quite fitting too, as the Bays Club was where my tournament Scrabble life began, 22 years ago.

I'll spot you on the circuit some time soon. May the goodies fall out of the Scrabble bag and onto your rack.

Lynn



Gerald
&
Evelyn



Association charges

from Joan Thomas

The Association charges a one-off fee of \$20 to affiliate a new Club, and each Club is required to subscribe to the *Forwards Magazine*.

Clubs pay an affiliation fee for each member, and they pass this on to the member through the Club fee. Affiliation fees are \$5 per Club member per year. Your Club will usually collect this charge with your Club subscription.

The *Forwards* magazine is an optional extra. Naturally, we recommend that you get this magazine, as it will keep you up to date with Scrabble events, both national and around the world. You will enjoy the good reading, competitions and tips on words and play. It costs \$12 per year if sent via your Club Secretary, and \$14 if posted to your private address.

Independents are players who do not belong to a club. They receive all correspondence, including minutes, direct to their home address by paying an annual levy of \$10. *Forwards* is an optional extra of \$12 per annum.

Forwards is also available to non-members, including anyone overseas who might like to receive a copy of their own. The magazine costs \$NZ12 plus postage, which means it costs \$14 to a New Zealand address, \$AUD17 to Australia, \$US14 to the United States and Asia, £7.5 to the UK, and €11 to Europe and Ireland.

All payments are due on 1 April.

The playing room at the Waikato Phoenix tournament November 2005



Tournament charges

Tournament levies are \$1 per player per day, collected in the entry fees charged by the Club. The adjudication printer and laptop hire costs \$10 per day. These tournament charges are payable to the Association Treasurer immediately following a tournament.

Change of website address

from Glenda Foster

I have changed the address for the NZASP website to www.scrabble.org.nz as this is a more appropriate name for a non-profit organisation such as ours.

The www.scrabble.co.nz address will still work for another year as I have recently renewed both names. Please update any favourites you have set up with the new address and refer to it in any promotional material in future.

The other good news is that the executive approved upgrading of our web hosting account to include more space, as we were running out of room on the server. This means I can add more material such as tournament reports and photos/profiles of players, as well as snippets from *Forwards*.

I'll let the Scrabble email list know when I have added more content.

Club News



2005 Dunedin highlights

- Peter Sinton was the Round Robin Champion for the 15th time. He was also in the New Zealand team for the World Scrabble Championship in London.
- Karyn McDougall came 1st in the A Grade in Day 1 of the Dunedin Lion Open Championship, and became the NZ Champion at the Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival. She also equalled the NZ record for having the most bonus words – 13 in a 3-game evening. What an effort!!
- Ruth Groffman became the 2005 Dunedin Club Champion.
- Nick Ascroft moved to Wellington.
- Olivia En got engaged, graduated with honours at Otago University and moved to Wellington. Our losses but Wellington's gains.
- Thank you to Ruth Groffman for promoting Scrabble in the ACC Masters Games, Adult Learner's Week and Scrabble For Fun, encouraging younger people to play our beloved game.

Christchurch

We were approached recently by Her Majesty's prisons about a Rolleston Prison inmate who wished to play Club members – this chap had been beating his fellow inmates by 300 points and the staff by 200!

We have already made two visits, and although Adam Logan doesn't have to move aside yet, he has improved well and looks forward to playing many more games

The Club is holding three Scrabble clinics this year, in January, February and March, hosted by president Shirley Hol. The first was successful, and covered opening strategies, end play strategies and tournament etiquette. It was followed by a dummy game.

The February session will cover managing power tiles, vowel/consonant dumping, and will be followed by a demonstration game.

The March session will cover tile tracking, changing and memory techniques, followed by a dummy game.

On Saturday 4 February the Club held a Scrabble demonstration at the Beckenham South Library. Several bystanders showed interest and were given fliers. We will be doing a similar display at the Avic Hill Crafts Fair on 26 February.

We are sending a sizeable contingent to the Nationals at Hamilton this year. Watch out, North Island Clubs – we are out to defend our team trophy won at the 2005 Nationals!

Pakuranga

The Pakuranga Scrabble club was delighted to have Sheila Green, a member of the London Scrabble League, attend several club nights during a trip here to visit her daughter. We were especially pleased to have her take part in our annual two-day Tournament on 28/29 January, where she gained second place in C Grade.

Sheila kindly gave us the insight into the League, which you can read on page 12.

Lost: A Scrabble board belonging to Gerald Warner, when he forgot to collect it after the tournament. Did some thoughtful person pick it up intending to return it to him?

Found: A cushion, left behind after the same tournament.

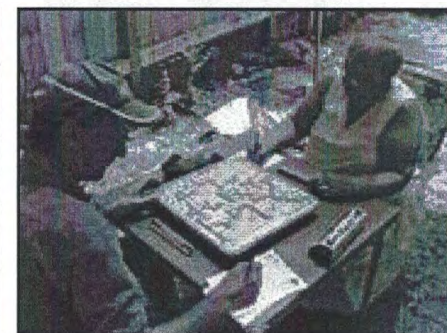
Contact Jeannette Owler (09 534 4453, cliffordo@paradise.net.nz) about either of these items to arrange a handover at a future tournament.

Phoenix Club Garden Tournament

Scenes from the Phoenix Club Garden Tournament, held on Saturday 18 February at Mt Maunganui. Annette Coombes hosted this happy tournament of 32 Scrabblers. The best of both worlds – a day of Scrabble, without being inside on a glorious summer day.



Photos by Stan Gregec



Competition Corner



Scrabble Contest No. 82

Can you solve the following anagram pairs? One word in each pair is capitalised and therefore not allowed in Scrabble.

Examples:

US state chemical compound (5)
= Maine amine
American car wording (7)
= Pontiac caption

1. Norwegian toilets (4)
2. formed cheese (4)
3. ballpoint liveliness (4)
4. fruit (not pretty?) Inuit home (4)
5. zodiac sign strength (5)
6. Yugoslav thespian (5)
7. Scandinavian ZZZ (5)
8. sheep telegraphic communication (5)
9. grippy fastening pasture plant (6)
10. quenched Dr Who's foes (6)
11. gypsy cheese sauce (6)
12. clearly show Italian city (6)
13. weekday electric generator (6)
14. army trucks chasing mice (7)
15. rich king origins (7)
16. white dog whenever (7)
17. games athlete breakup payment (8)
18. mimic international language (9)
19. liqueur warner (9)
20. cattle breed thinking (9)

Send entries by mail or email to:

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Closing date is 20 May 2006.

Solution: Contest No. 81

1. APPLY (32)
2. GOOGOL (20)
3. PANICK (38)
4. SALIGOT/GALIOTS (70)
5. HAREMS/SHAMER (30)
6. MANUKA (34)
7. WINDAGE (82)
8. AUNTLY/LITANY (26)
9. BAULK (32)
10. COLLINS! (74)

Full marks to Leila Thomson (Lower Hutt), Rhoda Cashman (Hibiscus Coast) and Lyn Toka (Kiwī). First name out of the hat was Lyn. Congratulations!

Editor's challenge

As I was working on editing articles for this edition of *Forwards*, I kept my word list beside me to check on words – it wouldn't do to have non-Scrabble words parading fraudulently in these pages without an asterisk to highlight their shame. So I corrected words like RUNNERUP* and RUNUP*.

However, I have deliberately left just one bogus un-asterisked for you to find (crossing my fingers that there is only one!).

Submit your discovered bogus word to me, and one lucky winner will receive a chocolate fish the next time I see him or her at a tournament.

Words entirely in upper case, or with an initial capital, or marked with an asterisk to show they are a bogus do not qualify. Needless to say, hyphenated and apostrophised words do not qualify, either.

Overseas news

Avoiding mistakes earned champ the Word Cup

by Roy Kietzman, Journalist, Bahrain

When Adam Logan won the eighth World Scrabble Championship last November in London, the 3-0 match fell in his favour, he believes, "by avoiding mistakes." Winning 20 out of 24 games ahead of the finals, he was pitted against Thailand's Pakorn Nemitmansuk who ended up runner up, as he was in the '03 WSC.

Looking back at his championship match, the Canadian says none of his final three games was "absolutely perfect, of course, but all three of them, I dare say, were surprisingly free of clear errors. Granted, no spectacular plays either, but still it's usually by avoiding mistakes that you win at Scrabble, not by being brilliant."

Adam, who is currently on leave from the University of Liverpool, England, is undertaking research at the Centre de Recherches Mathematiques in Montreal before taking up a new assignment in April at the University of Waterloo, in Ontario. He has a bachelor's in maths from Princeton, and a master's and doctorate in the same discipline from Harvard University.

His mother taught him to play Scrabble at a tender age, and then he took part in his first tournament when he was 9 in Ottawa, where he grew up. At age 20 Adam became both the Canadian and US champion in 1996, following that up in 2005 with the Canadian title again. The previous year he took the trophy in the British Elimination Scrabble Tournament.

He considers himself "good at playing my game, recovering quickly from my own errors, not being intimidated by my

opponents' high-scoring plays ... and at giving myself good chances in difficult late-game positions, though the way things were going [in the finals] I didn't have too many of those." Adam complains, however, that sometimes he moves too quickly. "I'm sure I would've seen ORDERING in the final if I'd spent two seconds looking there."

At his home club, Adam maintains he benefited greatly from playing against former world champ David Boys, Emanuel Chicoine, Andrew Golding and Joel Wapnick, another world titleholder, while he considers his opponents in the WSC to have been "wonderful to play against, being gracious in victory or defeat..." He recognises the extraordinary skills of competitors like American Brian Cappelletto ('01 world champion), Pakorn, '95 world titleholder Mark Nyman (UK) and →



Adam Logan

Nigel Richards (New Zealand).

When not playing Scrabble, Adam can be found listening to classical music or just out for a stroll and, of course, he likes to spend quality time with his girlfriend in Boston. With his championship trophy, Adam also took home \$17,000 in prize money which he's hardly touched so far, although he's considering buying a new computer. "I'm starting to reach the age when you think about saving to buy a house."

Adam looks forward to having an agreed-upon official word source. "I don't see how it can be based on anything other than the (former) OSW plus OSPD."

WESPA is grappling the rules of Scrabble national groups around the world in an attempt to find consensus internationally on how the game is played. "I don't know what to do about players whose idea of fun is to find ever more obscure gaps in the rules and cause the rule book to become ever larger and larger after attempts to close them," Adam says. "Nor do I know what to do about the few players who seem to take a perverse pleasure in making their opponents miserable without actually cheating. But I don't think that enlarging the rule book ad infinitum will do much good."

"As for challenges, I feel strongly that in top-level tournaments challenges shouldn't be completely free. Let the penalty be 2 points or even 30 seconds off the clock if 5 points is too much but, by all means, allow free challenges to new players in clubs as is generally done in North America."

WESPA is also examining setting up international ratings for competitive players which Adam says is "a very difficult problem



Adam Logan plays 2003 World Champ Panupol Sujjayakorn (Thailand)

with so little data ... Maybe the best approach would be to use international tournaments to determine scalings between national systems."

Looking at how Scrabble has developed over the past few years, Adam says, "Who could've predicted that Thailand would teach Scrabble to children in schools, or the amazing impact that Thai players would then have in international Scrabble? Is there any reason to think that the same thing is impossible in, let's say, Egypt or Mexico? One thing I'm sure, that the centre of gravity will continue shifting away from countries where English is the standard language and toward countries where it's learned: countries like Nigeria where many people learn English from an early age and speak it very well, to countries like Thailand where many players don't converse fluently in English."

"For me, as a traveller, this creates great opportunities, and I'm very happy for players who have something rich and wonderful in their lives that they wouldn't otherwise have. As a champion, it definitely increases the need to watch my back."

[The original article described Nigel Richards as an Australian, for which Roy apologises.]

Dan's the man in Romania

by Jeff Grant

Dan Sandu (36) was Romania's only player at the World Scrabble Championships in London last year.

It was Dan's fifth consecutive World Champs, and he finished 100th out of 102 competitors. That may not sound too impressive, but remember that Dan was playing in his third language! His native language is of course Romanian, and his second language is French.

Dan has won the English Scrabble Champs in Romania every year since 1995.

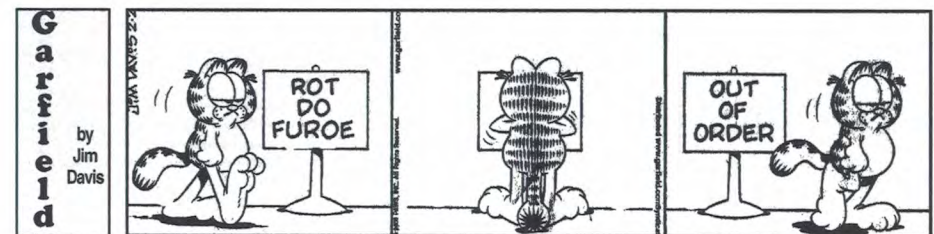
Last year he also won the national Romanian and French titles, as well as taking out the prestigious Cup of Romania.

City of Sydney International Masters 29 January 2006

	Player	Wins	Margin
1	Andrew Fisher	16	1193
2	David Eldar	14	1336
3	Naween Fernando	13	881
4	Chris May	12	444
5	Alistair Kane	12	425
6	Harry Malcolm	12	200
7	Edward Okulicz	11	868
8	Julian McKail	11	571
9	Tony Hunt	11	150
10	Alastair Richards	11	-185
11	Bob Jackman	10	806
12	Graeme Lock Lee	10	516
13	Jean McGiffen	10	363

	Player	Wins	Margin
14	Sharon Sorensen	10	138
15	Olga Visser	10	-6
16	Karen Richards	10	-57
17	Martin Waterworth	10	-60
18	Audrey Newman	10	-158
19	Esther Perrins	9.5	625
20	Carmel Dodd	9.5	503
21	John Holgate	9	397
22	Helen Maurus	9	314
23	Joanne Craig	9	94
24	Rod Talbot	9	86
25	Pat Schuberger	9	-15
26	Cheryl Michler	9	-65
27	Peter Shaw	9	-154
28	Ivor Zetler	9	-371
29	Hanne Marks	8	230
30	Justin Moyle	8	160
31	Ram Mohe	8	-339
32	Ian Close	8	-401
33	Jan Serisier	8	-23
34	Paul Richards	8	-95
35	Rex Shakespeare	8	-395
36	John Barker	8	-484
37	Mark Smith	8	-793
38	Moana Nepia	7	-296
39	David More	7	-362
40	Barry Harridge	7	-455
41	Margaret Andrews	7	-644
42	Nonie English	7	-668
43	Betty Foreman	6.5	-335
44	Fay Van Oyen	6	273
45	Mal Romsdale	6	-286
46	Bev Purkis	6	-703
47	Jenny Templeton	6	-851
48	Trish Reynolds	5.5	-272
49	Chile Malcolm	5	-279
50	Donna MacDonald	5	-634
51	Raya Wilkinson	3	-1187

HIGH GAME: Julian McKail 589
 HIGH WORD: Andrew Fisher 158
 "PEDICABS"



History of the London Scrabble League

adapted from *Scrabble Club News*, supplied by Sheila Green

The League first put tile to board in 1971, its earliest members drawn mainly from a mailing list of Londoners who had taken part in the first National Scrabble Championship.

The League is probably unique among large clubs in that matches are played in members' homes, not in a communal meeting place. Four-person fixtures are arranged according to each individual's preference for required frequency, days of the week, travel limitations and smoker tolerance!

It is a herculean task which not only takes one week per month of Sheila Green's time, but requires a computer program so complex that it makes the Football League's fixture computer look like an abacus, and it does have the occasional glitch. Some players play once a month, whereas our keenest members play up to 100 League matches in a 6 month season (that is four per week).

We also run Sunday drives which are more like the session of a conventional Scrabble Club, with everybody welcome to turn up and play three games. Noble volunteers run these drives. At three o'clock the first round of fixtures is worked out and announced, at which point, under an obscure sub-section of the League Constitution, it is mandatory for someone to arrive late and screw the whole thing up. The climax of the drive is the prize-giving, with enough prizes to give everybody a chance of winning something. The favourite prizes are boxes of chocolates (for the spouse?), and batteries (for all those little hand held games).

We also organise Scrabble tournaments from time to time, as well as

an Annual Handicap Pairs event.

Our current membership is 165, drawn from all over London and beyond, and these include some world class players, but also many more moderate ones who are trying to improve their game a little while enjoying the social aspect of the club. The latest League table shows average scores ranging from 261 to 455.

So Scrabblers remember, next time you are passing through London, be it Hampstead, Hackney or Hounslow, Finchley, Catford or Elephant and Castle, there's probably a hard fought London League match going on not very far away.

In fact, if you shut your eyes and listen hard, you may be able to hear those mantras we all know so well: "I can't fit my word in". . . "Are there no vowels in this bag?" . . . "Not another bonus word!" . . . "You've taken my place".

Brevity
by guy & rodd



Your brain on Scrabble

from *Eureka Times Standard*
by Joel Hartse, USA

When Roger Ebert reviewed the 2004 Scrabble documentary, *Word Wars*, he ruminated: "Scrabble requires the most masochistic traits of both chess and poker. To some degree, you win because you know how to spell more words and are better at teasing them out from the alphabet soup on your rack. To some degree, you lose because you drew lousy tiles."

Though the more casual Scrabble player may be an amateur etymologist with a penchant for expanding his or her vocabulary, for the professional Scrabble players at the top of the game, Scrabble is more of an obsession: lists of words are devoured – memorized not for the sake of linguistic knowledge, but for point value. At the top level, Scrabble is as much about mathematics as it is about language.

Not so for the members of Humboldt County's Scrabble club, which is co-directed by Terry Marlow and nationally ranked Scrabble champ Rich Baker (17th in California, 154th nationwide).

"We have a very fun group," said Marlow, "which I'm very proud of. We're all competitive, but we all like to have a good time." Marlow, who lives in Trinidad, started the club when he and his wife moved to Humboldt County six years ago. The club is registered with the National Scrabble Association, and has since grown to over twenty regular members – the only official Scrabble club between San Francisco and Portland.

Although it is officially known as the McKinleyville Scrabble Club (#566 in the NSA), the club now meets in Arcata.

Scrabble unscripted

a report from Australia

The game of Scrabble has never been so hilarious as it crashes head on into the world of Impro Comedy.

Scrabble Unscripted sees five of Australia's hottest improvisers, all champion Theatresports players and comics, create fast and funny scenes from thin air, inspired by the words created by Special Guest Players in an onstage game of Scrabble.

Every Friday and Saturday night of the CRACKER Comedy Festival, Level 3 @Newtown will explode with the energy of *Scrabble Unscripted* – totally made up on the spot, and featuring special guest celebrities, comedians and national champion Scrabble players sharing the stage with the regular cast, who will bring the players' words to life in hilarious scenes that will have the audience gasping for more, all the while saying "How on earth did they think of that?"

As the Scrabble game plays out before their eyes – with the players' moves projected above the stage – audiences will see Triple Word Score turn into a scene played backwards, or Double Letter Score become an improvised song.

And as the words stack up and merge with each other, the scenes too weave seamlessly into each other, with characters the crowds have already cheered on reappearing in later scenes.

At 45 minutes, the show is fast, funny and will leave audiences hungry for more. Don't miss *Scrabble Unscripted* at CRACKER Comedy Festival, Sydney (6 March – 9 April).

[Sounds like it's worth a special trip to Oz! –Ed.]

They're racing

by Jennifer Smith

A non-scrabbling friend invited me to a day at the races. Being absolutely pig-ignorant about horse-racing (should that be horse-ignorant?), I decided to use the following system: I would bet on any horse having any of the high-scoring Scrabble letters of Z, Q, X or J in its name.

I followed the system faithfully, but it didn't bring any success. When I took a horse for a win it was placed, when I chose a quinella my horses came second and third, etc.

Even so, I didn't give up hope. For the last race, without any dillying or dallying, I took the very impressive-looking five "high scoring" horses for the trifecta – Metexan, Soizic, Djibouti, Jack be Quick and Azvainaz. I was assured of success with all those biggies, I thought.

Then, just a few moments before the tote closed, I noticed Sweet Caroline in the race line-up. With the night before's discovery of the four anagrams of Caroline* fresh in my mind, I rushed over and placed a bet on that horse.

My friend was so impressed that I knew the four anagrams of Caroline, that she also bet on it.

And so – thanks to Sweet Caroline – we both picked up \$33 at the end of the race. No, I didn't win the trifecta.

There has to be a moral, don't you think? Something about not necessarily winning big when you obsess over the big four?

[COLINEAR, ACROLEIN, CREOLIAN and LONICERA are the anagrams of both Cornelia* and Caroline. Notice that the names Ian and Colin (OK) appear in the correct anagrams, as does a friend Role(y) and my grandmother Loni – that's how I remember them!]



Margaret Hanson
(Papatoetoe/Holy Cross)



Allie Quinn (North Shore Bays)

Anagram Corner

Scrabblers are dab hands at transposing letters, for example BRAZE to ZEBRA and INCLUDE to NUCLIDE. On a higher level, SNOOZE ALARMS give you ALAS, NO MORE Z'S. Here are anagrams for six players from the past:

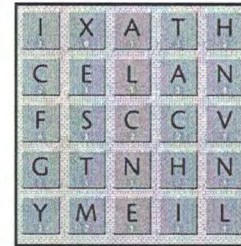
MARGARET ASHTON	HOTTER ANAGRAMS
LEIGH JENKINS	JINKING HEELS
TONY NICHOLLS	NO STONY CHILL
ANN PLESTED	PLANET'S END
ROBYN SLATER	A BORN STYLER
LYDIA WHITE	TIDY A WHILE

The last word

from the Christchurch Scrabble Club
newsletter

Is Babble the ultimate word game? The game, free online, is a combination of Britain's two favourite word games, Boggle and Scrabble – and the hybrid, where you form words in any direction, creates some truly fiendish puzzles.

Visit www.playbabble.com to play.



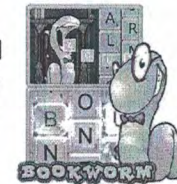
But Babble may NOT be the last word!

by Jennifer Smith

Visit the website www.uk.zylom.com to play another great word game, Bookworm. Very pleasing graphics, and a dictionary that includes some surprising Scrabble

words and some words many of us would like to see in the Scrabble word list (like QUO*), but omits anything even verging on the smutty (such as BUM, TIT and GAY). A good clean game for children, and challenging for Scrabblers.

Be prepared for one game to last six hours once you get the hang of it. I haven't played it again since my score broke the one million barrier! (Also, I'm a little scared that the non-Scrabble words may creep into the Scrabble part of my brain.)



Governmentium

sent in by Shirley van Essen

Here is the result of some recent research:

A major research institution has recently announced the discovery of the heaviest element yet known to science. The new element has been named "Governmentium".

Governmentium (Gv) has one neutron, 25 assistant neutrons, 88 deputy neutrons, and 198 assistant deputy neutrons, giving it an atomic mass of 312. These 312 particles are held together by forces called morons, which are surrounded by vast quantities of lepton-like particles called peons.

Since Governmentium has no electrons, it is inert. However, it can be detected, because it impedes every reaction with which it comes into contact. A minute amount of Governmentium causes one reaction to take over four days to complete, when it would normally take less than a second.

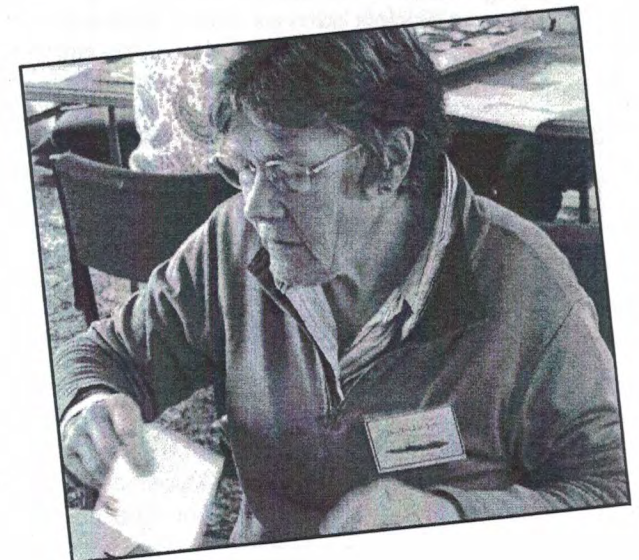
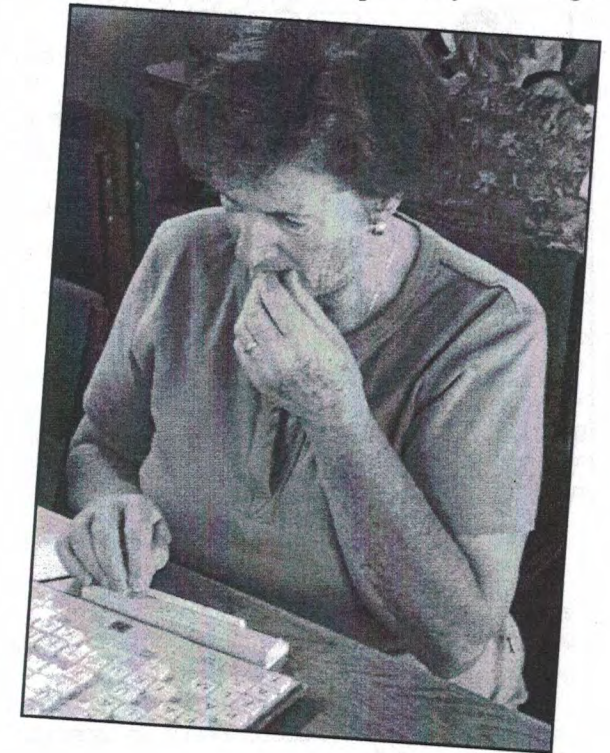
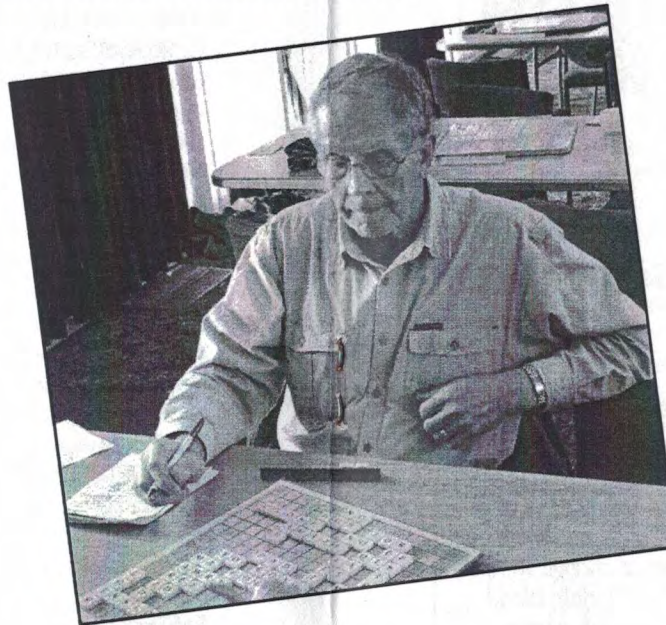
Governmentium has a normal half-life of four years; it does not decay, but instead undergoes a reorganisation in which a portion of the assistant neutrons and deputy neutrons exchange places. In fact, Governmentium's mass will actually increase over time, since each reorganisation will cause more morons to become neutrons, forming isodopes*.

This characteristic of moron promotion leads some scientists to believe that Governmentium is formed whenever morons reach a certain quantity in concentration. This hypothetical quantity is referred to as Critical Morass.

When catalysed with money, Governmentium becomes Administratum, an element, which radiates just as much energy as Governmentium since it has half as many peons but twice as many morons.

Photos from the Waikato Phoenix Tournament November 2005

photos by Stan Gregec



Clockwise from top left: Barbara Dunn (Tauranga), Roger Coates (Kiwī), Shirley Martin (Hamilton), Heather Landon (Tauranga), Margaret Durdle (Tauranga) and Jean Walker (Tauranga)

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Youth Scrabble

Encouraging young people

by Ruth Groffman

Background: Youth Scrabble is receiving a focus worldwide at present, especially in Australia and the USA, and the focus has escalated since a committee has been formed to help promote it. Our own Ruth Groffman (Dunedin) has just been included on that committee.

WESPA's newly-formed Youth Subcommittee aims to foster inclusion of more young people in Scrabble activities worldwide. Initiatives will be mostly aimed at including nine to seventeen-year-olds in competition events, but not limited to this.

The ultimate aim is to have these young players included in normal competitions, rather than isolated in youth activities. The inclusion of specific youth activities will allow organisers to publicise to the general community that Scrabble is a suitable and challenging extension activity for all ages, rather than just adults.

Such Youth events must be viewed as a stepping-stone to having more youth included in open events (i.e. those events which currently allow entries from both adults and younger players).

One of the most visible ways in which this will be achieved is by organising a

World Youth Scrabble Championship (WYSC). The inaugural WYSC is expected to be held in December 2006.

The Youth Subcommittee of WESPA, including NZ representative Ruth Groffman of Dunedin, will also be working on other initiatives to encourage young players, such as organising coaching clinics, publishing a booklet aimed directly at young beginners, encouraging players to use existing internet resources, (eg. ISC), accessing suitable computer software for home use, and developing age-appropriate funky advertising. It will also provide guidance and support to organisers of Scrabble fun days and serious competitions for young players.

More details, including the progress of plans for the first WYSC, can be found in the Youth section of WESPA website (www.wespa.org).

India's child genius

article from the Indian newspaper, *Mumbai Newline*, by Renu Savant, India

When Pranav Damani started reading the newspaper at the age of five, his parents thought their son had learned to read a little earlier than other children. But they knew he was gifted when at six he could solve complex additions and subtractions verbally.

Pranav's skills with words and numbers have made him a whiz at Scrabble. In November, the nine-year-old won the Mattel National Scrabble Championship, beating 700 participants. "The championship didn't require just a good

vocabulary, says Pranav. It was more about making quick calculations, as to which word would give you the most score."

Pranav has been taking Scrabble tuition for the last two years. His main homework: learning new words every day. The Scrabble dictionary has not only English words, but Arabic, French and Hindi words.

Pranav is thrilled by the win, though he confesses, "I am nervous when answering all these weird questions asked by reporters."

American students learn while having fun

by Teresa Wickens, North Platte Telegraph (4 December 2005)

Nine classes at Jefferson Elementary Schools have 54 new Scrabble board games and a Scrabble Club, thanks to a teacher, Hasbro Toys and a grant from Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation.

Fourth-grade teacher Michelle Moore applied for a \$500 grant from the foundation and used the money to buy nine School Scrabble Kits from Hasbro Toys. Each kit provided one dictionary and six games for each third, fourth and fifth-grade classroom plus a video and teacher's guide.

Then Moore went one step further. "Each student in the fourth and fifth grade wrote an essay stating why he or she should be in the Scrabble Club," Moore said. Twenty-four students were selected to participate in the club, which meets for an hour every Thursday after school to play Scrabble. Moore gets help from other teachers, parents and the principal.

"They play in teams, which helps their cooperation skills and I've noticed

improvement in spelling, math and vocabulary skills," Moore said. The students spend time using a dictionary, coming up with words to use at the next club session. "They are more excited about learning," Moore said.

Parents also play an important part, making sure homework is done or the student cannot be in the club.

Moore is pleased to hear students talk about how to use the hard-to-find letters in the Scrabble kit – the Z, Q, Y and X. But, Moore says, the students try to make up words and convince Moore to let them make up definitions, too. She doesn't give in that easily. "I make them tell me what the word means and if they can't remember, then they go back to the dictionary," she said.

In January, another 24 students will get their turn at the Scrabble Club.



Anderina McLean (Mt Albert), one of New Zealand's promising youngsters

NZ universities, please copy

from the Bath Chronicle
by Anna Mansell

First year student Ally Bradshaw praised the 'bonded' community feel the Claverton Down-based University of Bath has.

She said a weekend board game hire service was a new feature that had been a hit.

"Weekends on campus are very quiet, but the uni is going some way to atone for this by loaning out board games free of charge (Scrabble tonight – yes!)"

Every letter counts

by Mra Kyaw Kaung

Mra Kyaw Kaung is 13. He was born in Myanmar, and attends school in Geneva. He dedicated this article to his Baung Baung (grandmother), Dr Khin Saw Khine, who "expertly and patiently taught me Scrabble". Khin Saw Khine has been getting Forwards for some time, and has even played in a New Zealand Scrabble Tournament (at Pakyranga and North Shore Bays 1999).

Scrabble is a game where every letter counts.

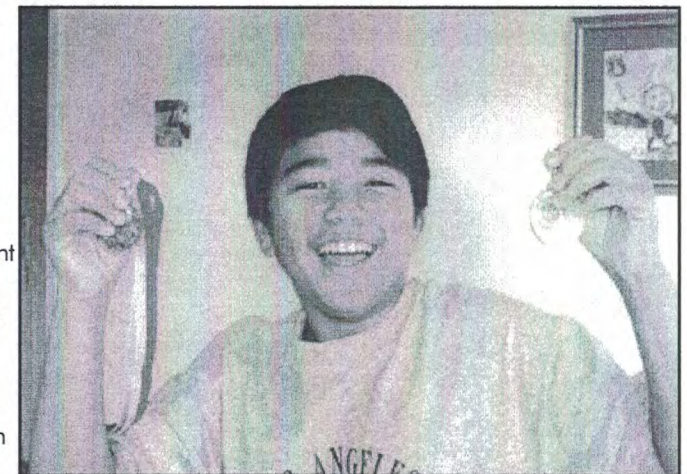
I started playing at the age of eight. My grandmother introduced me to this table game, and at first I didn't like it very much. I had to go to her to have tuition in some lessons and Scrabble for an extra-curricular activity. To lessen the time for study, I pretended to be more interested in Scrabble. She gave me the *Official Scrabble Players' Dictionary* by Mirriam-Webster, and lists of three, four and five letter words prepared by Margaret Bundock of New Zealand as a birthday present. She pushed me quite hard, but I found it such a nice and interesting game when I really got involved that I came to like it.

When I moved to Geneva, my grandmother wanted me to join a Scrabble Club to keep up my game skills, but the French version of Scrabble is a lot different to the English one. For example, the letter Q is not so powerful in French. Geneva is a French-speaking city, and playing Scrabble in English is not very popular. Luckily I found out about the annual ASEAN Scrabble Competition, which reassured my

grandmother that I would still be playing Scrabble.

For the first ASEAN Scrabble event that I participated in, my father, like my grandmother, cajoled me to practise. When the day of my first-ever competition came, all the other players underestimated me because I was only eleven years old. The other participants included ambassadors, their spouses and staff members from their embassies. I won first prize, and was rewarded with a wonderful shining gold medal.

The following year, I was prepared to defend my title because I knew that none of the twenty people who would be there would underestimate me because of



A happy Mra Kyaw Kaung shows the gold medals he won at the ASEAN Sports Days in 2004 and 2005. Myanmar doesn't have a representative at the World Scrabble Championships as yet, but maybe this young man will become their first.

my age again. I had practised hard, and again got first place. When I received my second gold medal I wanted to give a big shout of thanks to my grandmother, but reasoned she was too far away to hear. I have told her that I am going to try to win my third gold medal in 2006.

I feel like I represent Myanmar, and I will always remember and thank my grandmother for teaching me Scrabble, an interesting and educational game where skill and good vocabulary (including words that are not in daily use), plus a little luck, are needed.

[The article had to be abridged, but it's no surprise that the spelling was perfect!]

Sick humour

submitted by Glennis Hale

I had the toughest time of my life.

First, I got angina pectoris* and then arteriosclerosis. Just as I was recovering from these, I got tuberculosis, double pneumonia and phthisis*. Then they gave me hypodermics. Appendicitis was followed by tonsillectomy. These gave way to aphasia and hypertrophic cirrhosis. I completely lost my memory for a while. I know I had diabetes and acute ingestion, besides gastritis, rheumatism, lumbago and neuritis.

I don't know how I pulled through it. It was the hardest spelling test I've ever had.

Ten great Smiths

... apart from Jennifer, that is!

GUNSMITH	TINSMITH
GOLDSMITH	IRONSMITH
JACKSMITH (no relation!)	JOKESMITH
LOCKSMITH	SONGSMITH
TUNESMITH	WORDSMITH

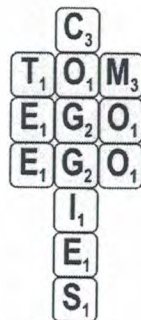


Some words contain two of a high-scoring letter (J,Q,X,Z) and need a blank to be played, for example BUZZARD and JOJOBA. Here are a dozen more unusual words of this type to dazzle your opponents.

HAJJI	JIGAJOG
IZZARD	FIZZEN
JUJUISM	MAXIXE
QAIMAQAM	JIPJAPA
ZARZUELA	AZOTIZE
POZZOLAN	JINJILI

Seeing double

Have you ever seen two identical words played parallel to each other? At a Hamilton club night, all marvelled at the unusual sight of a board showing:



Successive plays were COGGIES, TOM, MOOT, TEE. It would have been nice if the next player could have played ABBEY or something similar to get ATOM, BEGO, BEGO, don't you think?

Real headlines, 2005

- ☺ Crack found on Governor's daughter
- ☺ Something went wrong in jet crash, expert says
- ☺ Police begin campaign to run down jaywalkers
- ☺ Is there a ring of debris around uranus?
- ☺ Panda mating fails; veterinarian takes over
- ☺ Miners refuse to work after death
- ☺ Juvenile court to try shooting defendant
- ☺ War dims hope for peace
- ☺ If strike isn't settled quickly, it may last awhile
- ☺ Cold wave linked to temperatures
- ☺ Enfield (London) couple slain; police suspect homicide
- ☺ Red tape holds up new bridges!
- ☺ Man struck by lightning: faces battery charge
- ☺ New study of obesity looks for larger test group
- ☺ Astronaut takes blame for gas in spacecraft
- ☺ Kids make nutritious snacks
- ☺ Local high school dropouts cut in half
- ☺ Hospitals are sued by 7 foot doctors
- ☺ Typhoon rips through cemetery; hundreds dead

Proverbs

sent by Leila Thomson, Lower Hutt

A new entrant teacher gave her young pupils the first part of an adage, and asked them to complete it. Here are some of the results:

Don't bite the hand that ... looks dirty.
 A miss is as good as a ... Mr.
 A penny saved is ... not much.
 Strike while the ... bug is close.

from Hutt News, 25 May 2004

A little bit of luck

As everyone knows, there is an element of luck in Scrabble, and at the top level even the best players need a fair share of esses and blanks to do well.

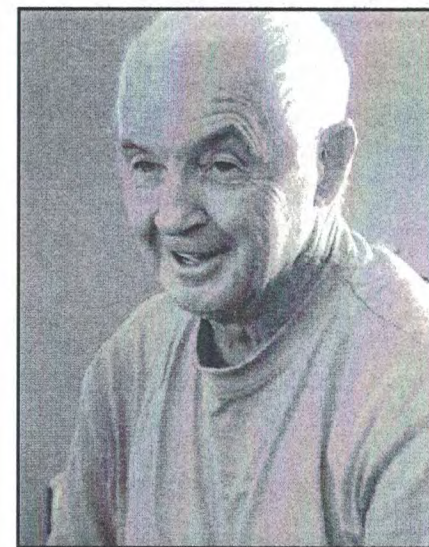
Two of the favourites at the last World Champs, multiple tournament winner Nigel Richards (NZ) and 1995 world champion Mark Nyman (England), finished 47th and 52nd respectively, while Jim Kramer (US), who was 5th in 2003, came 61st, former British champ Allan Simmons was 75th, and our own Peter Sinton, Trans-Tasman champ in 1998, could only manage 78th.

On the other hand, players who finished in the top four let the likes of CLIT and DANE go unchallenged.

It's a funny old game.

Transforming a peacock

Meacock – an effeminate man
 Seacock – a valve in a ship's hull



Peter Jones (Hamilton)



ACC New Zealand Masters Games

from Bill Grigg

On 4–5 February 2006, Scrabble was held at Otago University for the second time, the previous time being 2004.

Competitors came from Australia, Auckland, Lower Hutt, Wanganui, Blenheim, Christchurch and Dunedin.

Gold Medal winners:

Glenda Foster (A Grade)
Michael Groffman (B Grade)
Corale MacDonald (C, Social Grade).

Silver Medal winners:

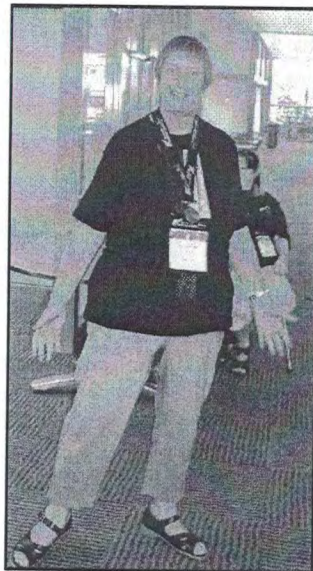
Karyn McDougall (A Grade)
Scott Chaput (B Grade)
John Smith and Janet Williamson (C, Social Grade), an unusual result, as they both finished with same number of wins and spread.

Bronze Medal winners:

Ruth Groffman (A Grade)
Paula Gibbons (B Grade)
David Barnes (C, Social Grade)



Ruth Groffman presents Corale MacDonald with her gold medal in Social Grade



Glenda Foster
Gold medal A Grade

Glenda reports that, as an ACC employee, she was sponsored for her entry fee and that she was interviewed for the staff magazine.



Michael Groffman is presented with his B Grade gold medal by his wife and tourney organiser Ruth

Scrabble will be a feature of the ACC New Zealand Masters Games at Wanganui in 2007. Be aware that this is a rated tournament with a provision for social players, so tell all your friends about it.

Aye, aye, Patrick!

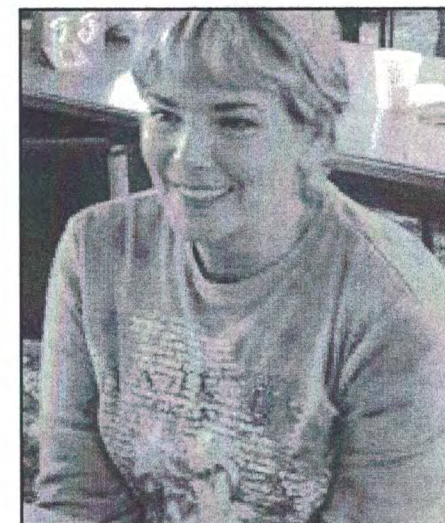
Patrick Carter runs a Bingo Hunters group. Every week he sends a list of 60 sets of 7 or 8 letters by email, and a small but devoted number of respondents beavers away for varying lengths of time trying to beat their individual "expectancy", which is based on the average of previous attempts. You are only pitted against yourself, and you don't have to participate every week.

If you would like to receive the challenge each week, send your email address to Patrick (tripack@xtra.co.nz).

By taking part, you also get to receive Patrick's interesting tips, lists and comments. The following is one of his lists, prompted by the appearance of SPLENII in the weekly challenge:

AALII	small Hawaiian tree with hard, dark wood, pluralises with S
BACCHII	plural of BACCHIUS, a metrical foot with a short syllable followed by two long ones
CONGII	plural of CONGIUS, an imperial measurement of liquid, about 4.5 litres
DENARII	plural of DENARIUS, a silver Roman coin
DOCHMII	plural of DOCHMIUS, a metrical foot of five syllables, usually in a particular pattern
DUPONDII	plural of DUPONDIUS, a Roman coin worth about two asses
GENII	plural of GENIUS
MEDII	plural of MEDIUS, the third (or middle) finger
MODII	plural of MODIUS, a dry measure containing about a peck
NAUPLII	plural of NAUPLIUS, crustacean larva

PERRADII	plural of PERRADIUS, the midpoint of a radius
RADII	plural of RADIUS
RETIARII	plural of RETIARIUS, a gladiator armed with a net and a trident
SARTORII	plural of SARTORIUS, a thigh muscle that is the longest muscle in the human body
SENARII	plural of SENARIUS, a verse consisting of six feet especially in Latin prosody
SEXTARII	plural of SEXTARIUS, a Roman liquid measure about equal to one pint
SPLENII	plural of SPLENIUS, a flat muscle at the back of the neck
STAPEDII	plural of STAPEDIUS, a small muscle in the middle ear
TORII	a Shinto temple gateway (no plural, TORIUS* is not a word)
TRAPEZII	plural of TRAPEZIUS, a flat triangular muscle of the shoulder and upper back



Delcie Macbeth (Independent)

Adam Logan analysis

Adam Logan of Montreal, Canada, is the new World Scrabble Champion. The 30-year-old mathematician became the eighth different winner when he beat Thailand's Pakorn Nemitrmansuk in double-quick time in the final.

Pakorn was also runner-up in Kuala Lumpur in 2003. With his surname ending in UK, and his first name transposing to 'ON PARK' (Marriott Regents Park Hotel was the venue), the signs looked good for Pakorn, but as someone pointed out, the previous winners in London, Peter Morris (1991) and David Boys (1995), both held Canadian passports, so how could Adam lose?

Pakorn went overtime in the first game and blocked the wrong spot at the end, allowing Adam to snatch a win with TWISTIER on a triple-triple.

The second game went Adam's way too, and at one stage in the third he had the evocative QANADA on his rack and was able to play QANAT for a big score. Sometimes you just know it's going to be your day.

So Adam Logan deservedly became the 2006 champ, and also the first player to gain five top-10 finishes at the event (his other placing was 11th).

ADAM, 'the first man' (rather appropriate), isn't allowed in Scrabble, but LOGAN, a rocking stone, is.

The bonus words ANALOGA, GONADAL, MANDALA, MANDOLA, MANGOLD and MONADAL can all be found in his name, which leads us nicely into ...

by Jeff Grant

Anagrams

Adam Logan is certainly not ANALOG MAD or a spouter of ANAL DOGMA, nor would he DAMN A GOAL, especially ALONG A DAM. The name A A GOLDMAN is a positive-sounding pseudonym, if Adam ever wants one. The Canadian National Champion acquired A GOLD MANA for his mature performance in London (A LAD? GO MAN!), but didn't quite need MAGNLOAD*, a UK haulage company, to carry his prizes. Scrabble's not like that.

Perhaps it would have been nice for Adam to just sit back and bask in his achievements with a long cool MANGOLADA*, a rum-based cocktail made by mixing mango and pina colada*.

Squares

A D A M	L O G A N
D U M A	O N E R Y
A M I R	G E N O M
M A R K	A R O M A
	N Y M A N

Note the interesting connection between Adam Logan and 1993 World Champ Mark Nyman of England.

Palindrome

Won pot, no snag:
(O!) mad astral arts
Adam Logan's on top now.

It may be a little cryptic, but at least it's reasonably grammatical! Adam won the title and the pot (\$US 15,000) in straight games 3-0 (no snag), displaying the old star (astral) qualities of a champion Scrabble artist.

From Auchendinny to Zug

by Jeff Grant

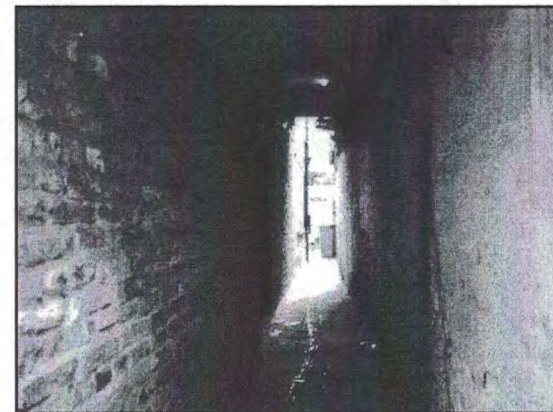
Pat and I thoroughly enjoyed our touring around UK and Europe while away for the World Scrabble Champs last year. Being fascinated by words, I had a notebook with me to record any particularly unusual place-names. By the end of the trip there were several pages full of interesting specimens.

Britain is a treasure-trove of weird and wonderful place-names. We passed by Catbrook, Lower Clopton, Knockin, Mungrisdale, Auchendinny, Hutton-in-the-Forest, Boggsbank, Much Wenlock, Ogle, Middle Wallop, Woolfox, Great Fencote, Wittering, Burton Coggles, Biggleswade, Bean, Little Roodee, Piddlehinton and the strange Dead Maids (Wiltshire).

In Wales there were unpronounceable-looking names like Llandyfodwg, Bwlch, Glenffrwd, Llanllwchaearn and Ynysgynwraidd. Many of the signs were in Welsh and English. Some words are similar, such as Castell (castle) and Cwrs Golff (golf course). Others are eye-catchingly different. We saw a bus with the destination Mold/Yr Wyddgrug! Unfortunately our tour didn't get to the famous Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwilllantysiliogogogoch.

There were interesting street names too – Honeypot Lane, Pageantmaster Court, Featherbed Row, Mad Alice Lane and Endless Street. We also saw signposts warning of 'Rising Bollards' and 'Badgers for 2 miles'.

Perhaps the most fascinating names are those of British pubs. We came across the Rat and Parrot, Essex Serpent, Spread



Mad Alice Lane, as mentioned in Jeff's article. Despite having pleaded insanity, Alice was hung in 1823 for poisoning her husband

Eagle, Dun Cow, Heeltap and Bumper, Elusive Camel, Drum and Monkey and Flookersbrook. For those with a sense of adventure, there were the Bag o' Nails, The Blind Beggar, The Hung, Drawn and Quartered, The Bad Ass and Filthy McNasty's! One place listed 'Mr G. Ealdwinkles' as proprietor. He sounds like a character out of Beatrix Potter.

By contrast, the place-names in Europe were rather mundane. Some looked like words you might find on a Scrabble board – Angers, Grins, Natters, Mutters, Luzern, Fano, Zug (challenge!). Others sounded slightly off-colour or risqué – Rottenburg, Arsy, Bra, Fucine, Assevillers, not to mention a sign for the Ausfahrt (exit) to Effingen and Frick.

Late in our travels we saw signposts in France for the village of Y (the world's shortest place-name), and the palindromic town of Noyon, where Charlemagne was crowned.

It was a good way for a word-lover to end the tour.

Dominic Monaghan and the alphabet

submitted by Lynne Butler

Some *Lost* castaways are obsessed with numbers – particularly the six cursed numerals that frequently pop up on the hit series. Dominic Monaghan, however, is all about the alphabet.

"Dom is obsessed with Scrabble," says cast-mate Jorge Garcia, who plays Hurley. "He plays it all the time – even on his cell phone at work."

Admits Monaghan: "People will say things, and I'll scrabble what they say in my head. I'll think of triple word scores all the time."

[Dominic Monaghan was Merry in the *Lord of the Rings* movie as well as currently starring in *Lost*.]



Dominic Monaghan and
Evangeline Lilly

A good pun is its own reword

- A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.
- Dijon* wu* – the same mustard as before.
- Shotgun wedding: A case of wife or death.
- A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
- Sea captains don't like crew cuts.
- Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?
- Reading while sunbathing makes you well-red.
- When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.
- A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two-tired.
- What's the definition of a will? (Come on, it's a dead giveaway!)
- Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
- A backward poet writes inverse.
- In democracy your vote counts. In feudalism your count votes.
- A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
- If you don't pay your exorcist, you get repossessed.
- With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.
- Show me a piano falling down a mine shaft, and I'll show you a flat minor.
- When a clock is hungry, it goes back four seconds.
- The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.
- A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
- You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.
- Local Area Network in Australia: the LAN down under.
- He often broke into song because he couldn't find the key.

Rankings

NZASP Rankings list as at 13 March 2006

Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%	Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
1 Howard Warner	2093	869	1236	70%	42 Rosemary Cleary	1607	428	920	47%
2 Jeff Grant	2070	1188.5	1544	77%	43 Fae Olson	1607	981	2064	48%
3 Jack Dymond	2060	315	423	74%	44 Julie Atkinson	1601	218.5	406	54%
4 Mike Sigley	2015	692	949	73%	45 Andrew Denmead	1530	190.5	387	49%
5 Peter Sinton	1991	427.5	587	73%	46 Joan Thomas	1526	491	943	52%
6 John Foster	1982	939.5	1650	57%	47 Stan Gregec	1519	132	220	60%
7 Rogelio Talosig	1968	205.5	335	61%	48 Faye Cronhelm	1505	552	1106	50%
8 Glennis Hale	1954	996.5	1785	56%	49 Leila Thomson	1500	363	812	45%
9 Lynne Butler	1930	652	1071	61%	50 Frank Robinson	1496	110.5	219	50%
10 Patrick Carter	1911	597	960	62%	51 Shirley Hol	1485	366	754	49%
11 Andrew Bradley	1906	453	913	50%	52 Maureen Holliday	1478	463	907	51%
12 Lisa McLean	1868	391.5	763	51%	53 Ann Candler	1459	546.5	1150	48%
13 Chris Hooks	1849	625.5	1293	48%	54 Jean O'Brien	1459	641	1256	51%
14 Joanne Craig	1841	51	88	58%	55 David Gunn	1454	835	1640	51%
15 Neil Talbot	1840	32	57	56%	56 Karyn McDougall	1444	460.5	863	53%
16 Lynne Powell	1822	729	1417	51%	57 Helen Sillis	1438	535	1059	51%
17 Steven Brown	1817	542.5	1023	53%	58 Su Walker	1427	480.5	938	51%
18 Debbie Caldwell	1815	258.5	434	60%	59 Lawson Sue	1408	138.5	246	56%
19 Shirley van Essen	1806	240	436	55%	60 Pam Barlow	1387	339.5	655	52%
20 Liz Fagerlund	1802	530	1004	53%	61 Rhoda Cashman	1379	598	1257	48%
21 Paul Lister	1788	511.5	893	57%	62 Hazel Purdie	1367	521.5	1058	49%
22 Marianne Bentley	1755	186.5	403	46%	63 Selena Chan	1347	134.5	223	60%
23 Glenda Foster	1755	633.5	1217	52%	64 Doreen Ogston	1345	476.5	986	48%
24 Denise Gordon	1754	505	995	51%	65 Amelia Carrington	1335	164	264	62%
25 Eileen McLean	1736	855.5	1660	52%	66 Margaret Cherry	1323	337	666	51%
26 Glenyss Buchanan	1725	437	905	48%	67 Glenda Geard	1321	688	1382	50%
27 Glynis Jennings	1722	359.5	767	47%	68 Rosalind Phillips	1296	176	320	55%
28 June Mackwell	1715	443.5	989	45%	69 Steve Richards	1293	152	294	52%
29 Peter Jones	1707	653	1311	50%	70 Delcie Macbeth	1285	491	932	53%
30 Nick Ascroft	1696	101	166	61%	71 David Bragg	1276	133.5	223	60%
31 Pam Robson	1696	413	885	47%	72 Andree Prentice	1273	604	1175	51%
32 Val Mills	1694	584.5	1246	47%	73 Shirley Martin	1272	426.5	817	52%
33 Ann Hough	1689	322.5	617	52%	74 Colleen Cook	1261	101	183	55%
34 Janice Cherry	1687	259	475	55%	75 Yoon Kim Fong	1257	268.5	501	54%
35 Murray Rogers	1662	260	494	53%	76 Betty Eriksen	1254	556	1123	50%
36 Doreen O'Shea	1652	348.5	692	50%	77 Lynn Carter	1252	172	306	56%
37 Allie Quinn	1644	671.5	1397	48%	78 Lyn Toka	1238	296.5	562	53%
38 Jennifer Smith	1634	508.5	945	54%	79 Margaret Bundock	1231	536.5	1121	48%
39 Lynn Wood	1619	951	1999	48%	80 Ruth Groffman	1225	244	474	51%
40 Roger Coates	1617	448	926	48%	81 Elaine Moltzen	1222	379	752	50%
41 Gerald Warner	1613	842.5	1785	47%	82 Carole Coates	1211	376.5	751	50%

Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
83 Margaret Lyall	1189	351	711	49%
84 Pat Bryan	1188	52	87	60%
85 Lyn Dawson	1188	248.5	437	57%
86 Margaret Flaws	1186	149	262	57%
87 Kaite Hansen	1184	83	149	56%
88 Samantha Samuels	1183	107	216	50%
89 Carolyn Kyle	1139	306.5	624	49%
90 Marianne Patchett	1138	195.5	374	52%
91 Yvette Hewlett	1132	254.5	534	48%
92 Ernie Gidman	1131	184	374	49%
93 Catherine Henry	1120	162.5	289	56%
94 Roto Mitchell	1111	297	571	52%
95 Roger Cole-Baker	1106	100	187	53%
96 Correne James	1092	519	1086	48%
97 Judith Thomas	1085	20	40	50%
98 Shirley Wyatt	1084	351.5	760	46%
99 Kathleen Mori-Barker	1062	200.5	428	47%
100 Lorraine Van Veen	1056	545	1087	50%
101 Olivia En	1050	87	147	59%
102 Connie Flores	1038	64.5	86	75%
103 Roger French	1035	74	123	60%
104 Jean Boyle	1025	144.5	243	59%
105 Liz Richards	1016	153.5	292	53%
106 Jim Wills	1011	111	187	59%
107 Mescal Kelly	1007	80.5	143	56%
108 Joan Pratt	980	486	934	52%
109 Karen Miller	980	319.5	658	49%
110 Yvonne MacKenzie	977	251	552	45%
111 Ella Rushton	962	66	110	60%
112 Bev Barker	929	416	852	49%
113 Anderina McLean	919	62.5	112	56%
114 Veronica Zilinskas	906	98	177	55%
115 Shirley Morrison	906	46	106	43%
116 Jena Yousif	899	147.5	295	50%
117 Marian Ross	873	270.5	565	48%
118 John Baird	855	26	43	60%
119 Allison Torrance	853	180	339	53%
120 Bernice Hyde	853	86.5	163	53%
121 Heather Landon	846	86	167	51%
122 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	829	359	743	48%
123 Gabrielle Bolt	825	161.5	310	52%
124 Liz Catchpole	822	248.5	522	48%
125 Valma Gidman	818	445	892	50%
126 Dianne Cole-Baker	815	81.5	162	50%
127 Sheila Reed	793	55	117	47%

Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
128 Jo Ann Ingram	787	58.5	103	57%
129 Ray Goodyear	779	133.5	280	48%
130 Kate Wignall	779	522	1041	50%
131 Dominic Lister	776	173	353	49%
132 Chris Handley	773	217	431	50%
133 Annette Coombes	759	344	770	45%
134 Michael Groffman	757	123.5	257	48%
135 Pam Mayall	743	227.5	433	53%
136 Margaret Durdle	732	123.5	250	49%
137 Resie Coenen	704	198	469	42%
138 Elaine Ware	661	292	573	51%
139 Thelma Chisholm	651	101	204	50%
140 Maureen McBain	641	131.5	306	43%
141 Trevor Rowell	641	59	111	53%
142 Iris Boulton	586	105	213	49%
143 Patricia Fletcher	575	27.5	65	42%
144 Tony Charlton	571	66	141	47%
145 Jean Wacker	567	129	261	49%
146 Maria Clinton	559	118	246	48%
147 Anthea Jones	546	50	99	51%
148 Janni Henneveld	540	115	256	45%
149 Dorothy Haining	538	409.5	827	50%
150 Olwen Skelton	520	389.5	821	47%
151 Roslyn Lister	509	203	426	48%
152 Charles Kiewiet	502	126	240	53%
153 Pauline Smeaton	501	151	317	48%
154 Sue Mayn	495	53.5	145	37%
155 Barbara Dunn	491	51	79	65%
156 Rosemary Wauters	463	38.5	72	53%
157 Margaret Hanson	460	356.5	729	49%
158 Evelyn Haywood-Warner	459	43.5	114	38%
159 Betty Wilson	391	205.5	410	50%
160 Noelene Bettjeman	388	78.5	166	47%
161 Betty Sutherland	378	154.5	363	43%
162 Madge Watson	365	31.5	81	39%
163 Paula Gibbons	363	268.5	564	48%
164 Bev Griffin	351	27	79	34%
165 Jillian Greening	351	230	485	47%
166 Alison Holmes	326	21	57	37%
167 Jean Craib	320	201	474	42%
168 Margaret Miller	310	38.5	99	39%
169 Tim Henneveld	301	108	255	42%
170 Sue Foster	268	40	130	31%
171 Ed Olson	232	588.5	1468	40%
172 Anne-Louise Milne	49	12	99	12%

Tournament results

Pakuranga Club Tournament 28 January 2006 7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Glennis Hale	IND	5	308	403	11
2 John Foster	NSB	5	198	393	13
3 Andrew Bradley	MTA	4	194	397	13
4 Patrick Carter	MTA	4	79	392	8
5 Howard Warner	IND	3	148	419	12
6 Chris Hooks	MTA	3	-96	381	7
7 Liz Fagerlund	MTA	3	-124	381	7
8 Rogelio Talosig	NSB	1	-707	352	8
Grade B					
1 Paul Lister	CHC	5	196	381	10
2 Eileen McLean	MTA	5	93	388	7
3 Lynne Powell	HBC	4	54	403	13
4 Glenda Foster	WEL	4	20	404	8
5 Steven Brown	KAP	3	26	406	15
6 Jennifer Smith	HAM	3	-7	386	7
7 Julie Atkinson	MTA	2	-101	368	6
8 Val Mills	PAK	2	-281	377	8
Grade C					
1 Joan Thomas	HAS	6	328	414	10
2 Sheila Green	UK	5	238	391	10
3 Gerald Warner	WRE	5	29	395	6
4 Lynn Wood	WEL	4	126	385	5
Grade D					
1 Lawson Sue	PAK	5	318	407	8
2 Faye Cronhelm	IND	4	130	401	11
3 Hazel Purdie	MTA	4	71	363	3
4 Ann Candler	NSB	4	68	390	9
5 Jean O'Brien	IND	4	-59	390	9
6 Glenda Geard	IND	3	-41	384	8
7 Pam Barlow	PAK	2	-203	362	8
8 Maureen Holliday	HBC	2	-284	372	10
Grade E					
1 Rosalind Phillips	MTA	5	473	345	8
2 Betty Eriksen	WAN	4	90	308	6
3 Su Walker	MTA	3	-43	322	8
4 Margaret Cherry	PAK	3	-81	328	4
5 Lynn Carter	NSB	2	-50	317	6
6 Margaret Bundock	HBC	2	-175	300	3
7 Elaine Moltzen	KIW	2	-214	319	7
Grade F					
1 Pat Bryan	MTA	6	307	385	10
2 Shirley Martin	HAM	5	311	394	10
3 Anderina McLean	MTA	4	65	375	9
4 Joan Pratt	HBC	3	61	369	3
5 Shirley Wyatt	MTA	3	-14	386	5
6 Correne James	IND	3	-34	346	2
7 Lorraine Van Veen	IND	2	-102	358	4
8 Jim Wills	PAK	2	-594	330	6
Grade G					
1 Bernice Hyde	NSB	6	312	398	9
2 Valma Gidman	ROD	5	542	402	9
3 Mescal Kelly	MTA	4.5	161	353	3
4 Kate Wignall	MTA	4	45	341	2
5 Jill Johnson	HBC	4	-270	337	2
6 Olwen Skelton	ROD	2.5	-130	342	5
7 Resie Coenen	PHC	2	-196	330	2
8 Margaret Hanson	PHC	0	-464	308	3
Grade H					
1 Joan Rawlings	PAK	5	195	385	1
2 Sue Mayn	ROD	5	112	394	4
3 Pauline Smeaton	TGA	4	217	375	0
4 Noelene Bettjeman	HBC	4	27	369	1
5 Lynn Thompson	WRE	3	42	386	2
6 Evelyn Haywood-Warner	WRE	3	25	346	4
7 Margaret Miller	HBC	3	-214	358	4
8 Suzanne Harding	WRE	1	-404	330	1



Shirley Martin (Hamilton)
E Grade winner at Pakuranga day 2

Pakuranga Club Tournament
29 January 2006
7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Howard Warner	IND	7	586	438	12
2 Rogelio Talosig	NSB	5	110	427	16
3 Patrick Carter	MTA	4	177	416	12
4 John Foster	NSB	4	52	393	9
5 Paul Lister	CHC	3	-206	366	7
6 Liz Fagerlund	MTA	2	-75	395	8
7 Chris Hooks	MTA	2	-282	368	8
8 Glenda Foster	WEL	1	-362	371	9
Grade B					
1 Steven Brown	KAP	6	560	417	13
2 Jennifer Smith	HAM	5	490	428	15
3 Glynis Jennings	MTA	4	217	425	11
4 Gerald Warner	WRE	3	-145	380	5
5 Sheila Green	UK	3	-150	374	9
6 Peter Jones	HAM	3	-164	365	10
7 Eileen McLean	MTA	3	-329	376	6
8 Julie Atkinson	MTA	1	-479	354	5
Grade C					
1 Lynn Wood	WEL	6	225	384	8
2 Roger Coates	KIW	5	398	425	13
3 Rosemary Cleary	WAN	5	397	402	10
4 Faye Cronhelm	IND	4	-179	359	4
5 Joan Thomas	HAS	3	73	367	6
6 Jean O'Brien	IND	3	49	384	7
7 David Gunn	WKP	2	-434	348	10
8 Lawson Sue	PAK	0	-529	348	7
Grade D					
1 Su Walker	MTA	5	277	425	14
2 Ann Candler	NSB	5	182	395	10
3 Margaret Cherry	PAK	4	214	409	9



Su Walker (Mt Albert)
D Grade winner at Pakuranga

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
4 Maureen Holliday	HBC	4	192	399	9
5 Pam Barlow	PAK	4	38	388	7
6 Irene Smith	WRE	3	-60	369	6
7 Hazel Purdie	MTA	2	-327	377	6
8 Glenda Geard	IND	1	-516	347	7
Grade E					
1 Shirley Martin	HAM	6	286	380	9
2 Carole Coates	KIW	5	318	414	13
3 Pat Bryan	MTA	5	133	374	9
4 Margaret Bundock	HBC	4	-131	365	6
5 Shirley Wyatt	MTA	3	18	369	2
6 Lorraine van Veen	IND	2	-173	369	6
7 Betty Eriksen	WAN	2	-271	358	5
8 Lynn Carter	NSB	1	-180	371	8
Grade F					
1 Mescal Kelly	MTA	6	173	367	6
2 Roger French	MTA	5	306	405	8
3 Joan Pratt	HBC	5	132	375	9
4 Anderina McLean	MTA	4	52	342	3
5 Bernice Hyde	NSB	3	150	384	8
6 Bev Barker	MTA	2	54	372	5
7 Valma Gidman	ROD	2	-398	336	3
8 Jeanette Owler	PAK	1	-469	317	1
Grade G					
1 Annette Coombes	WKP	6	224	374	11
2 Resie Coenen	PHC	5	376	351	3
3 Kate Wignall	MTA	5	228	354	1
4 Irene Hague-Smith	MTA	4	332	377	7
5 Elaine Ware	MTA	3	-80	352	4
6 Joan Rawlings	PAK	2	-225	336	2
7 Sue Mayn	ROD	2	-591	299	2
8 Olwen Skelton	ROD	1	-264	326	6
Grade H					
1 Chris Higgins	HAM	5	984	367	10
2 Pauline Smeaton	TGA	5	207	405	3
3 Evelyn Haywood-Warner	WRE	4	-58	375	4
4 Suzanne Harding	WRE	4	-105	342	5
5 Margaret Hanson	PHC	4	-207	384	1
6 Noelene Bettjeman	HBC	3	51	372	1
7 Patricia Wareing	PAK	3	-123	336	2
8 Lynn Thompson	WRE	0	-749	317	0

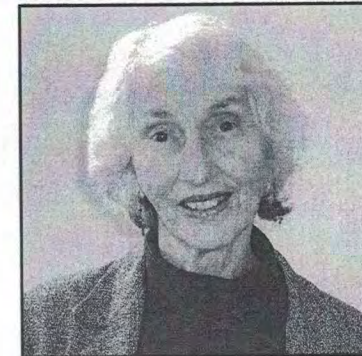
Nelson Club Tournament
11-12 February 2006
15 games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Debbie Caldwell	NEL	12	631	419	22
2 Paul Lister	CHC	9	88	388	20
3 Val Mills	PAK	8	396	397	21
4 Murray Rogers	NEL	6	115	389	16

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
5 Ann Hough	NEL	5	-608	371	17
6 Lynn Wood	WEL	5	-622	367	15
Grade B					
1 Shirley Hol	CHC	10	637	404	21
2 Joan Thomas	HAS	9	363	383	16
3 Steve Richards	NEL	8	49	370	20
4 Betty Eriksen	WAN	7	-112	378	17
5 Ruth Groffman	DUN	6	-472	350	8
6 Andree Prentice	WAN	5	-465	356	10
Grade C					
1 Carolyn Kyle	DUN	12	477	381	16
2 Olivia En	DUN	10	411	393	20
3 Liz Richards	NEL	9	148	370	16
4 Jean Boyle	WAN	8	67	363	10
5 Allison Torrance	CHC	5	49	365	16
6 Dawn Smith	NEL	1	-1152	313	6
Grade D					
1 Katrina Allen	NEL	9	-123	358	5
2 Iris Boulton	NEL	8.5	180	360	16
3 Maria Clinton	NEL	8	93	357	13
4 Tony Charlton	NEL	7.5	-128	340	10
5 Julia Jonas	NEL	7	207	348	9
6 Jan Evans	NEL	5	-154	339	8
Grade E					
1 Barbara Cornell	NEL	10	212	337	2
2 Paula Gibbons	CHC	9	224	338	10
3 Jean Craib	CHC	8	94	334	7
4 Alison Holmes	CHC	7	379	324	6
5 Jack McCartney	NEL	6	-255	307	0
6 Karen Brookes	NEL	5	-654	290	4

ACC Masters Games Scrabble
Tournament
4- 5 February 2006
15 games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Glenda Foster	WEL	12	1336	441	30
2 Karyn McDougall	DUN	12	1095	431	25
3 Ruth Groffman	DUN	8	-138	377	11
4 Jean Boyle	WAN	7	-690	362	19
5 Ella Rushton	DUN	4	-708	354	8
6 Carolyn Kyle	DUN	2	-895	338	11
Grade B					
1 Michael Groffman	DUN	14	1743	406	13
2 Scott Chaput	DUN	11	385	359	13
3 Paula Gibbons	CHC	8	-11	331	7
4 Marc Van Hoecke	DUN	5	-440	319	1
5 Bev Allen	DUN	5	-687	303	1
6 Anne-Louise Milne	DUN	2	-990	289	1
Social Grade					
1 Carole MacDonald		12	637	303	0

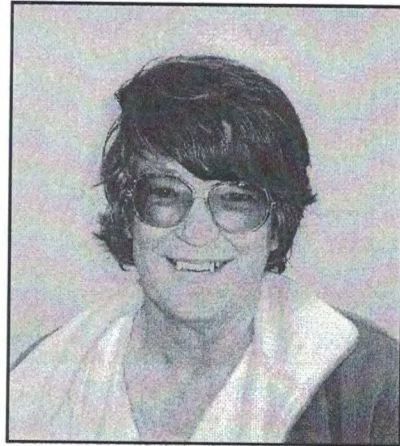


Shirley Hol (Christchurch)
B Grade winner at Nelson

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
2 John Smith		10	411	293	2
2 Janet Williamson		10	411	304	1
3 David Barnes		8	191	298	1
4 Elwyn Smith		7	-90	279	0
5 Kay Thompson		4	-161	269	1
6 Shirley Robinson		3	-429	242	1
7 Shirley McFarland		2	-970	238	3

New Plymouth Club Tournament
11 March 2006
7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Lynne Butler	NPL	6	524	429	13
2 Mike Sigley	WAN	5	655	441	12
3 Glenda Foster	WEL	4	190	397	11
4 Denise Gordon	WAN	4	32	401	12
5 Steven Brown	KAP	3	-195	388	11
6 Liz Fagerlund	MTA	2	-167	383	7
7 Jennifer Smith	HAM	2	-376	366	10
8 Val Mills	PAK	2	-663	335	6
Grade B					
1 Glenyss Buchanan	LOH	6	111	411	13
2 Rosemary Cleary	WAN	5	848	448	14
3 Joan Thomas	HAS	4	-59	384	9
4 Helen Sillis	NPL	3	110	380	7
5 Leila Thomson	LOH	3	-26	385	7
6 Gerald Warner	WRE	3	-126	389	6
7 Su Walker	MTA	2	-416	337	7
8 Maureen Holliday	HBC	2	-442	369	5
Grade C					
1 Yvette Hewlett	IND	5	219	416	12
2 Andree Prentice	WAN	4	283	392	6
3 Lynn Carter	NSB	4	168	374	7
4 Roto Mitchell	WAN	4	7	369	3



Glenyss Buchanan (Lower Hutt)
B Grade winner at New Plymouth

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
5 Elaine Maltzen	KIW	3	-1	388	8
6 Lyn Toka	KIW	3	-167	370	10
7 Yoon Kim Fong	KIW	3	-184	358	7
8 Betty Eriksen	WAN	2	-325	353	7
Grade D					
1 Jean Boyle	WAN	6	378	375	8
2 Margaret Gibson	PUK	6	265	378	2
3 Suzanne Frederick	WAN	6	131	365	4
4 Anderina McLean	MTA	5	465	401	9
5 Janet Willison	WTA	5	462	392	5
6 Heather Landon	TGA	4	118	370	6
7 Joan Pratt	HBC	4	26	355	4
8 Shirley Lykles	NPL	3	-5	340	5
9 Alan Medhurst	NPL	3	-95	326	6
10 Margaret Penniket	KIW	3	-472	302	5
11 Ronnie Sigley	WAN	2	-286	345	5
12 Evelyn					
Haywood-Warner	WRE	1	-433	338	2
13 Ngaire Kemp	WTA	1	-681	288	3

12 March 2006
7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Mike Sigley	WAN	6	615	444	13
2 Steven Brown	KAP	4	104	413	17
3 Lynne Butler	NPL	4	77	381	9
4 Denise Gordon	WAN	3	-72	371	8
5 Glenda Foster	WEL	3	-143	382	8
6 Glenyss Buchanan	LOH	3	-149	401	10
7 Liz Fagerlund	MTA	3	-162	363	6

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
8 Val Mills	PAK	2	-270	373	5
Grade B					
1 Maureen Holliday	HBC	5	118	392	12
2 Gerald Warner	WRE	5	-3	394	6
3 Joan Thomas	HAS	4	287	396	12
4 Rosemary Cleary	WAN	4	190	399	9
5 Su Walker	MTA	4	-3	393	9
6 Jennifer Smith	HAM	3	191	411	11
7 Leila Thomson	LOH	2	-257	375	9
8 Helen Sillis	NPL	1	-523	347	4
Grade C					
1 Betty Eriksen	WAN	5	351	392	8
2 Andree Prentice	WAN	5	277	397	9
3 Lynn Carter	NSB	5	-85	376	7
4 Lyn Toka	KIW	4	241	397	7
5 Yoon Kim Fong	KIW	4	43	388	5
6 Elaine Maltzen	KIW	3	160	387	11
7 Roto Mitchell	WAN	1	-471	359	8
8 Yvette Hewlett	IND	1	-516	350	10
Grade D					
1 Jean Boyle	WAN	6	831	404	12
2 Margaret Gibson	PUK	5.5	233	365	5
3 Joan Pratt	HBC	5	318	374	7
4 Suzanne Frederick	WAN	5	260	377	6
5 Heather Landon	TGA	4.5	14	337	4
6 Janet Willison	WTA	4	113	370	4
7 Evelyn Pullen	WTA	3.5	-120	339	4
8 Anderina McLean	MTA	3	257	381	7
9 Evelyn					
Haywood-Warner	WRE	2.5	-379	317	2
10 Roni Sigley	WAN	2	-341	343	7
11 Ngaire Kemp	WTA	1	-507	292	3
12 Margaret Penniket	KIW	0	-679	309	5



Jean Boyle (Wanganui)
D Grade winner both days at
New Plymouth

NZ Scrabble Records

Record	Tournament		Club Level	
	Score	Player (Club)	Score	Player (Club)
Highest Game Score	717	Mike Sigley (WAN)	763	John Foster (MTA)
Highest Losing Score	513	Jeff Grant (HAS)	521	June Mackwell (MTA)
Highest Drawn Game	487	Lynne Wood (WEL) & Debbie Caldwell (NEL)	482	Margaret Warren (HAS) & Jeff Grant (HAS)
Highest Single Turn	221	Sheryl Davidson (PAK) Lisa McLean (IND) Jeff Grant (IND)	347	Neil Talbot (WEL)
Highest Single Turn Non-bonus	135	Ruth O'Neill (NPL)	261	John Foster (MTA)
Highest Combined Score	1078	Howard Warner (CAP) & David Lloyd (MTA)	1106	Dawn Kitzen (PHC) & Chris Hooks (MTA)
Largest Winning Margin	493	Mike Sigley (WAN)	577	Peter Sinton (DUN)
Highest Take-off	54	Lisa McLean (IND)	68	Andrew Bradley (MTA)
Most Bonus Words (3 Game Evening)	—	—	13	David Lloyd (MTA) Karyn McDougall (DUN)
Highest 3-Game Aggregate	—	—	1805	Nigel Richards (CHC)
Most Consecutive Bonus Words	5	Allie Quinn (NSB)	5	John Foster (MTA) Patrick Carter (MTA)
Most Bonus Words in Game (1 person)	6	Nigel Richards (CHC) Yvette Hewlett (IND)	7	Jeff Grant (IND)
Most Bonus Words in Game (2 people)	8	Mike Sigley (WAN) & Glenyss Buchanan (LOH) Nigel Richards (CHC) & John Foster (IND)	8	Dawn Kitzen (PHC) & Chris Hooks (MTA)
Highest Average Single Tournament (Any Grade)	584	Nigel Richards (CHC)	—	—

NZ Masters (23 Games)

Most Games Won	Jeff Grant (HAS) 21 (1993, 1997), Mike Sigley (WAN) 21 2002
Highest Aggregate	Nigel Richards (CHC) 11,103 (1999)
Most Bonus Words	Nigel Richards (CHC) 61 (1998)
Highest Spread	Howard Warner (MTA) +2410 (2000)